

January 3, 1984

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Mr. Ben Kerns
Culpeper Wood Preservers
Box 260
Shelbyville, IN 46176

Dear Mr. Kerns:

On December 15, 1983, Mr. Pat Carroll, a representative of this office, and Ms. Regina Mahoney, of the Land Pollution Control Division, conducted a joint inspection of your facility. The inspection was in response to a complaint received by our office regarding the run-off of contaminated material from your facility.

The inspection revealed that it is the Company's practice to store recently treated lumber in exposed areas on the plant grounds. During rainfall events, surface water from the storage area, and an area surrounding the wood treatment building, flows via two drainage ways to a low area southeast of the plant. Visual inspection revealed the presence of green-colored material characteristic of your process on the ground in the storage area and in the drainage ways leaving the plant area. Although it is understood that the storage area has a buried impervious liner, this does not address the problem of stormwater runoff.

It is the belief of this office that stormwater contaminated with sodium dichromate, copper sulfate, and arsenic acid used in your process, is being discharged to the waters of the State improperly treated.

This office is requesting your proposal and schedule of activities regarding the containment and treatment of contaminated stormwater runoff be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. Failure to do so could result in the appropriate enforcement action being initiated.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Pat Carroll at AC 317/633-0794.

Very truly yours,

George F. Halloran, Jr., Chief
Inspection Section
Division of Water Pollution Control

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